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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITESThis application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed _____
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment.
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed _____
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5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (with one reference).
6. ☒ The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
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